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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR WILCOX MEETING WITH INTERIOR MINISTER

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR WILCOX MET WITH INTERIOR MINISTER CORACH ON JULY 31. WILCOX ADVOCATED INCREASED WORKING LEVEL COOPERATION AMONG REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AGAINST TERRORIST THREATS. CORACH SUGGESTED IMPROVED EXTRADITION AGREEMENTS. HE SAID THE GOA PLANS IMPROVED NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS AND BORDER CONTROLS. WILCOX SAID THE EXTRADITION OF THE ASUNCION SEVEN WAS A COMMENDABLE EFFORT BY BOTH THE GOA AND GOP. CORACH NOTED INCREASING PRESSURE IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FOR RESULTS IN THE BOMBING CASES, AND HOPED COMMUNITY LEADERS WOULD MODERATE THEIR STANCE SO AS TO NOT CREATE A CLASH WITH THE GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY

3. S/CT'S AMBASSADOR PHILIP WILCOX MET WITH INTERIOR MINISTER CARLOS CORACH ON JULY 31, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE GODARD. VICE MINISTER IRIBARNE, S/CT OFFICER BARMON, AND POL/MIL OFFICER GETTINGER ALSO PARTICIPATED.

4. CORACH ASKED ABOUT USG EXPECTATIONS OF THE AUGUST 1 - 2 TERRORISM CONSULTATIONS.

HE SUGGESTED INCREASING BILATERAL AND
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MULTILATERAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. WILCOX POINTED TO THE NEED TO INCREASE BORDER CONTROLS AND DOCUMENT SECURITY. NOTING THE GOA'S RATIFICATION OF VIRTUALLY ALL INTERNATIONAL ACCORDS ON TERRORISM, HE SAID OTHER STATES STILL HAVE FAR TO GO IN THIS PROCESS.

5. MINISTER CORACH AGREED THAT IMPROVED COOPERATION WAS A PRIORITY. HE SUGGESTED SIMPLIFYING EXTRADITION PROCESSES. CORACH ADDED THAT THE GOA NEEDS TO REFORM ITS PENAL CODE, GIVING JUDGES MORE EFFECTIVE POWER.

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HE SAID THE GOA WAS DEVELOPING NEW PASSPORTS AND NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS. ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR A DATA ENTRY SYSTEM AT ALL BORDERS, A PROJECT IN WHICH U.S. COMPANIES HAD A STRONG INTEREST. CORACH SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTER TERRORISM MEASURES MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS, AN AREA IN WHICH ARGENTINA HAD A "BAD RECORD."

6. AMBASSADOR WILCOX SAID THAT THE EXTRADITION OF THE SEVEN ASUNCION SUSPECTS WAS A COMMENDABLE EFFORT BY BOTH ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY. CORACH SAID THAT PARAGUAYAN SECURITY OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT THE SEVEN WERE TERRORISTS BUT THE GOA HAD NO PROOF AGAINST THEM.

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7. CORACH SAID HE WAS SURPRISED BY INACCURATE STATEMENTS FROM RABBI AVI WEISS ABOUT THE AMIA CASE.
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HE SAID THE GOA HAS A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. JEWISH COMMUNITY. BUT CORACH ACKNOWLEDGED INCREASING PRESSURE FROM THE LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY THE PERPETRATORS OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY AND AMIA BOMBINGS. HE RELATED A CONVERSATION EARLIER THAT DAY WITH

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IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, A PUBLIC CHALLENGE WILL PRODUCE A NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE. AMBASSADOR WILCOX SAID THAT PEOPLE EXPECT RESULTS IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

8. AMBASSADOR WILCOX DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLEAR THIS CABLE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE.

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